

## **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

## **Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

FROM:

**DATE:** May 8, 2014

**TO:** Sanctuary Advisory Council Representatives

RE: Next SAC Meeting: Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Sean Herron, CINMS CA Sea Grant Fellow

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet in Santa Barbara on **Friday, May 16th, 2014** from **9:00 am to 2:20 pm** at Casa Las Palmas (323 E. Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara, CA). Please join us! A draft meeting agenda, driving directions and meeting materials will be sent as email attachments and web links, and posted soon at <a href="mailto:channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/announcement.html">channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/announcement.html</a>.

This Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting will feature important and interesting presentations, updates, discussions, and action items, including the following:

- Sanctuary Superintendent's Report and brief member announcements;
- Updates from CINMS Education Coordinator Laura Francis on several projects and developments related to ocean acidification, including a draft list of possible activities that individuals can take to help address this issue;
- Sanctuary staff and/or representatives from the Sportfishing Conservancy will describe plans for the return this summer of the "Sanctuary Classic" tournament;
- Santa Barbara Channel Voluntary Ship Speed Reduction Pilot Program: Representatives from the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District and CINMS Sea Grant Fellow Sean Herron will describe plans for a pilot program. Kristi Birney from the Environmental Defense Council will present on Marine Shipping Working Group updates;
- Producer Sam Tyler will talk about a new documentary film being created called "The Story of California's Channel Islands";
- Working group reports; and
- A summary of final project results by graduate students from UCSB's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management on Evaluating Offshore Wind Energy Feasibility off the California Central Coast.

Please review emailed materials prior to the meeting. For most topics, we will use the screen to display materials, but you may also wish to have your own printed copy of some items. We appreciate your continued cooperation with our "electronic packet", saving us time, money and resources. If you need assistance obtaining a printed copy of something, just let us know.

Please RSVP to Sean.Herron@noaa.gov for 1) your attendance at the meeting, and 2) if you would like to join us for a catered lunch at \$8 to \$10 per person. To help us order the correct amount of food, please RSVP on this, either way. If you have questions about the agenda or any of the online materials, please contact me sean.herron@noaa.gov or 805-893-6433.

Finally, we encourage carpooling to the meeting, as well as helping us to reduce material use and waste by bringing your own coffee mug or other beverage container. Thank you!